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The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decisions 18/CMA.1, 5/CMA.3, 17/CMA.4 and 18/CMA.5,

Also recalling Article 13, in particular paragraph 14, of the Paris Agreement, which states that support shall be provided to developing countries for the implementation of that Article,

Further recalling Article 13, in particular paragraph 15, of the Paris Agreement, which states that support shall also be provided for the building of transparency-related capacity of developing country Parties on a continuous basis,

Recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States, as recognized in Article 13, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement,

[*Recalling* the preamble, and of Article 4, paragraph 8(g), of the Convention and *recognizing* the unique vulnerability and importance of mountain regions, as reflected in the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,]

Expressing appreciation to the secretariat for successfully implementing in 2024 the mandates contained in paragraphs 13–16 of decision 18/CMA.5,

Emphasizing that the development and improvement of sustainable institutional capacity, including enhanced reporting systems of developing country Parties, are crucial to the full implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement,

1. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts in providing financial, technical and capacity-building support to developing country Parties to address challenges in implementing the enhanced transparency framework[, including the support received through bilateral, multilateral and other channels];
2. *Also welcomes*, in particular, the support provided by the GEF and its implementing agencies for the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework, including through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme;
3. *Further welcomes* the information provided by the GEF in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session¹ and its addendum on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of biennial transparency reports by developing country Parties;
4. *Expresses appreciation for and welcomes* the efforts of the COP 29 Presidency in organizing, in collaboration with the secretariat and other partners, several high-level forums and technical and capacity-building workshops on climate transparency, held before and during COP 29, on the enhanced transparency framework and the preparation of Parties' first biennial transparency reports, under the Baku Global Climate Transparency Platform, launched in September 2024;²
5. *Acknowledges* that developing country Parties continue to be supported, upon their request, under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency in building their institutional

¹ FCCC/CP/2024/8 and Add.1.

² See <https://unfccc.int/news/baku-high-level-dialogue-launches-global-climate-transparency-initiatives-ahead-of-cop29-highlights>.

and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework, and *emphasizes* the importance of the continued provision of support for building the transparency-related capacity of developing country Parties on a continuous basis;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts of the secretariat in delivering capacity-building for the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework, in particular through regional online and in-person workshops, and *encourages* the secretariat to tailor these capacity-building activities to subregions that share similar conditions and challenges with a view to maximizing their impact and enhancing the balance and inclusivity of these activities across the subregions;

7. [*Acknowledges* [the 36 per cent increase in the GEF-8 allocation to the climate change focal area set aside for enabling activities, including the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, and that resources are allocated on the basis of country priorities and in a country-driven manner, and] the progress of the GEF in streamlining the process that enables Parties to access resources for preparing their BTRs, including by enabling them to access two BTRs and/or one NC as part of the same enabling activity and raising the threshold for expedited approvals;]

8. [*Also acknowledges* the availability of existing transparency support under the GEF-8 cycle and *encourages* developing country Parties to accelerate their efforts to utilize the available financial, technical and capacity-building support with a view to building on and enhancing their domestic capacity for meeting reporting requirements, including for enhancing national reporting systems within their respective national Governments and other national institutions, given that the majority of GEF-8 funds for the Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency and for the preparation of national communications and biennial transparency reports are still available;]

9. *Expresses appreciation* to the secretariat for successfully implementing in 2024 the mandates contained in paragraphs 13–16 of decision 18/CMA.5;

10. *Recalls* that there are additional activities planned for 2025 as contained in paragraphs 17–19 of decision 18/CMA.5;³

11. *Welcomes* the summary report⁴ on the facilitative dialogue held at SBI 60 to share experience in gathering, analysing and managing data for climate reporting;

12. *Acknowledges* key takeaways of the summary report referred to in paragraph 11 above in the three areas of institutional arrangements, data management and capacity-building and [*also acknowledges* that [some] developing country Parties require significant financial, technical and capacity-building support[, as appropriate,] [in line with their needs and priorities] to address their needs [in relation to] the three areas identified in the summary report] [[and] *affirms* that [some][these] [developing country] Parties require additional financial, technical and capacity-building support[, as appropriate,] to address the needs identified in the three areas];

Option 2 for para 12:

Acknowledges key takeaways of the summary report referred to in paragraph 11 above in the three areas of institutional arrangements, data management and capacity-building and *also acknowledges* that developing country Parties require significant financial, technical and capacity-building support, as appropriate and in line with their needs and priorities, to address their needs in relation to the three areas identified in the summary report, [and *affirms* that developing countries require additional financial, technical and capacity-building support, as appropriate, to address the needs identified in the three areas];

Option 3 for para 12:

Acknowledges key takeaways of the summary report referred to in paragraph 11 above, including the summary of best practices shared by Parties, and the recognition that developing

³ See decision 18/CMA.5, paras. 17–19.

⁴ FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/4

countries require additional support, as appropriate, to build their capacities to gather, analyse and manage data;

13. *Welcomes* the efforts of the secretariat in organizing regular technical training workshops (online and in-person) for developing country Parties in order to facilitate an interactive exercise with experts from Parties to demonstrate the functions of the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) reporting tools in fulfilment of the mandates contained in paragraphs 14 and 16 of decision 5/CMA.3,⁵ noting that in-person hands-on training is more effective in practice;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of building the capacity of developing country Parties to transition from ad hoc reporting approaches to government-led, systematic and institutionalized processes for preparing and submitting national reports under the enhanced transparency framework;

15. *Acknowledges* that this transition is crucial for ensuring sustainability, ownership and alignment with national priorities, while addressing capacity gaps and challenges faced by developing country Parties in implementing the enhanced transparency framework;

16. *Underscores* [the importance of][the need to scale up] the financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing the capacity of developing country Parties to address the challenges and needs identified in the summary report referred to in paragraph XX above and in the technical paper prepared by the Consultative Group of Experts,⁶ for sustainable implementation of the enhanced transparency framework[, including by establishing national reporting systems];

17. *Strongly encourages* developed country Parties to provide additional resources to the secretariat to enable it to provide the necessary scale of technical support to developing countries for capacity-building for reporting under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, taking into account the specific capacity-building needs identified by developing country Parties;

18. *Underlines* the importance of the secretariat having adequate financial resources available to provide technical support to developing country Parties for reporting under the ETF;

19. [Notes that the GEF did not include in its 2024 annual report⁷ clear information on lessons learned with respect to enabling activities, in particular on the costs, access modalities and delivery of support for preparing the first biennial transparency reports, and *requests* the GEF to explore options that will ensure that funds for enabling activities are used to support the sustainability of national technical teams and to enhance institutional capacity in developing country Parties;]

20. [*Requests* the GEF to provide, under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and enabling activities, adequate, timely support, and to prevent financial support gaps between projects, ensuring the sustainability of national technical teams and workflows necessary for enabling developing country Parties to meet their reporting and revision requirements under the enhanced transparency framework and for building and enhancing their national institutional and technical capacity for reporting under the Paris Agreement on a continuous basis;]

21. [*Encourages* the GEF to consider information [provided by Parties in their first BTRs pursuant to paragraphs 143–145 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1, as well as information submitted by Parties pursuant to paragraph 17 of decision 18/CMA.5, and the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 18 of decision 18/CMA.5, when considering the level of support to be provided to developing country Parties for the preparation of their second and subsequent BTRs, including in the context of the ninth replenishment cycle;]

22. [*Recalls* the request to the secretariat in to produce synthesis reports on Parties' BTRs and NIRs and an annual report on the TERS⁸ and *requests* the secretariat to submit these

⁵ In accordance with decision 5/CMA.3, paras. 14 and 16.

⁶ FCCC/TP/2024/6.

⁷ FCCC/CP/2024/8 and Add.1.

⁸ Decision 18/CMA.1, para. 6(a–b).

reports⁹ to the CMA every year in time for consideration at its session, starting from its seventh session;]

23. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs XY above;

24. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁹ Synthesis reports and an annual report referred to in decision 18/CMA.1, paragraphs 6(a) and 6(b), respectively.